

Buffalo robes have not sold well in the East this year.

Commodore Kountz is building a new Missouri river boat.

If Helena can't get up a first-class railroad meeting, Benton can.

The report that the Turks are using poisoned rifle balls is confirmed.

A decrease in imports of railroad iron shows an increase of home production.

The Helena Graded School is now open under the management of Prof. Rolf.

Two hundred cavalry recruits have been ordered to Fort Sanders, Wyoming Territory.

A sudden rise of the Ohio river has reopened navigation and reduced freight rates.

The yellow fever is raging in Savannah. Eighteen deaths occurred in one day.

The grain crop of England has suffered great damage from rains since harvesting, and before it could be secured.

Nearly every family residing near the scene of the Heilgate explosion moved away to avoid being shook up.

Gen. Sherman's assertion that the Sioux would be whipped into peace this year does not appear likely to be realized.

The London "Times" says the military system of the United States is superior in nearly every respect to that of England.

The Woman Suffrage ticket in Massachusetts is becoming so strong, that the married men are obliged to vote it in order to save their top hair.

At the recent election in Maine, the Republicans elected 124 Representatives, and perhaps two others, and 29 Senators.

A terrible cyclone recently passed along the Atlantic coast, from Key West to Labrador, causing considerable damage to shipping.

The Butte "Miner" has come to the sensible conclusion that the Helena and Benton Railroad is a necessity to Deer Lodge County as well as to Lewis & Clarke and Chouteau.

The political papers having told all the lies they could think of, and repeated them so often that they have become as stale as Limburger cheese, are now anxiously waiting their result upon the October elections.

It is thought now, that Donaldson, the aeronaut who threw the reporter from the balloon, is not dead. The reporter was found but the balloon and the balloonist have never been discovered.

The way the "Independent" figures it out, it seems likely that Tilden is to be the next President. But you can't always tell. Figures will lie sometimes, although political organs seldom do.

Boss Tweed is coming home as first as a United States war ship can bring him. The Boss is said to be poor now, so his friends will probably let him end his days in rural felicity upon Blackwell's Island.

The complete enrollment of the Indians at the Standing Rock Agency, shows only 450 lodges and a total of not more than 4,000 Indians. Rations have heretofore been issued on the basis of 7,000, from which it may be inferred that there is a mistake or that a great deal of stealing has been going on.

The Railroad meeting at the Court House Wednesday evening was the heartiest demonstration yet made in favor of the enterprise. If the Falls City townsites speculators had been present, they would have concluded that their little game was about played out.

The people of Lewis and Clarke and Chouteau counties are stirring up the railroad cauldron and trying

to bring it to a boil on the question of a narrow gauge from Helena to Benton. The enterprise is one of great importance to all parts of the Territory, and, if it is not going to cost too much, we hope to see it put in the way of a successful issue. [Missoulian]

Mills, of the "New North-West," is trying hard to make himself believe that he is not in favor of the Helena and Benton Road. In last issue he calls the friends of the road deadbeats and blatherskites, and enacts the farce of quarreling with the Butte "Miner," his own paper. Pro. Mills should not let his angry passions rise, for the day will come when he will be ashamed to own that he was opposed an enterprise so necessary to the welfare of Montana.

Without any increase of population or development the County of Deer Lodge would save enough in two years, by the Benton road, on the present imports of goods and exports of copper alone to pay a subsidy of \$150,000 and interest—less \$780. If, however, you add to the above the saving on wool, hides and bullion, multiply the exports of copper by ten and double the amount of goods imported—which the railroad experience of Utah and Colorado would fully justify us in doing—and the County would save enough in one year to pay the subsidy and have a handsome balance besides. [Col. Woolfolk.]

LOCAL PREJUDICE.

It appears to be the fate of all new enterprises of a public nature to meet with opposition at the very points from which they should receive encouragement and support. Any measure, however well calculated to advance the interests of a community of people, will generally find its bitterest enemies among those who are in a way to be directly benefitted by it, and who will be found eager enough to profit by the resulting advantages, which blind ignorance caused them at first to overlook or which selfishness would not permit them to acknowledge.

The proposed Helena and Benton Railroad is no exception to the rule. The very county which is most concerned in the question of cheap transportation is, if we are to accept the statement of the "New North-West," opposed to the enterprise. And why? Merely because the road must pass through Chouteau and Lewis & Clarke counties before it reaches Deer Lodge. The "New North-West" has not been able to produce a single fact to show that Deer Lodge is not as much interested as either Lewis & Clarke or Chouteau counties in the building of the road; while it has been proved time and again, and even asserted by the Deer Lodge organ itself, that a railroad can come to no part of Montana without benefitting every nook and corner of the Territory. Col. Woolfolk in his late letters to the "Herald" and "Independent" has shown that the exports of the Territory are virtually governed by its imports, hence the meagre prosperity of Helena, Deer Lodge, and every other town of the Territory is essential to the advancement of mining interests in the mineral producing regions. It has also been shown that the road cannot be confined to Chouteau and Lewis & Clarke counties. If it will pay to run it to Helena, it will certainly pay to extend it into the heart of the mineral and agricultural regions. If it will not pay with its terminus at Helena, it must of necessity reach out to other points. It is useless for the "New North-West," or any other journal, to deny the fact that every portion of the Territory needs this road, and that every merchant, farmer, miner, and stock raiser in Montana will profit by the enterprise; for the prosperity of all depends more or less upon the establishment of a medium of cheap transportation, and the Helena and Benton Railroad is the only medium within their means to procure. But it is equally unprofitable to present these facts to a journal whose every opinion expressed upon this subject bears the evidence of selfishness, jealousy, and local prejudice upon its face.

Attention is called to the Railroad notice published in next column.

Election Notice.

Whereas, a proposition has been made by S. B. Coulson & Co. to construct a Railroad between the River of Navigation on the Missouri River, at or near Fort Benton, to Helena; and, whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Chouteau, Montana Territory, did on the 7th day of October, 1875, upon petition of over fifty legal voters of said county, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana, entitled "An Act to authorize the County of Chouteau, to assist in building a Railroad from the River of Navigation on the Missouri River, at or near Fort Benton, to the City of Helena," approved February 11, 1876, make an order submitting to the legal voters of the said County of Chouteau the proposition to issue County Bonds of said County of Chouteau to the amount of eighty thousand dollars, in the manner and upon the conditions following, viz:

1. That the total amount of Bonds proposed to be issued be Eighty thousand Dollars.
2. That such Bonds be issued at the rate of seven per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually after their date and delivery.
3. That such Bonds be made payable in twenty years after their date, and at the option of the County after five years from their date.
4. That such Bonds be issued to S. B. Coulson & Co., or to such Company as may be by them organized under the laws of the Territory of Montana, and always and to the order of the Commissioners and this proposition is upon this condition: That the said S. B. Coulson & Co., or such Company as may be organized by them, shall construct a Railroad from Fort Benton, in Chouteau county, on the Missouri River, to the City of Helena, in Lewis & Clarke county, by way of the North Side of the Missouri River.
5. That such Bonds be issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and the equipment of each section of fifteen miles of said Railroad, commencing at Fort Benton, and in the proportion that each of such sections bears to the total length of said road as surveyed and located by said S. B. Coulson & Co., subject to the above proviso, and the said amount of Eighty thousand Dollars; and that when the whole road shall be fully completed and equipped, the balance of such Bonds be delivered as aforesaid.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1876, at the general election then to be held, and at the several places in the County of Chouteau, where such general election is appointed to be held, the said proposition to issue such Bonds will be submitted to the legal voters of said County of Chouteau for their adoption or rejection; and that the ballots of those voting on the proposition in favor thereof, in accordance with the said Act must contain the words, "For the Loan," and of those voting against the said proposition, the words, "Against the Loan," and that the voting shall be open at eight o'clock in the morning and continue open until six o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Dated this 7th day of October, A. D. 1876.

J. J. DONNELLY,
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Election Notice.

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau county, Montana Territory, did on the 7th day of October, 1875, upon petition of more than fifty legal voters of said county, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Revised Statutes of Montana Territory, make an order submitting to the legal voters of said county of Chouteau, the proposition to borrow money on the credit of the said county, to the amount of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a building suitable for a court house and county offices.

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Dated this 7th day of October, A. D. 1876.

J. J. DONNELLY,
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

FOUND—ONE DAPPLE DUN HORSE. supposed to have strayed. Brand "W. E." on left shoulder, black mane and tail. The owner can have the horse by proving property and paying charges. Inquire of JAMES CASSIDY, Fort Benton, M. T., Sept. 9, 1876.

Cosmopolitan and St. Louis Hotels Consolidated.

SCHWAB & ZIMMERMANN, Proprietors. Having fitted up this elegant fireproof brick building, Nos. 37 and 39 Main Street, Helena, M. T., will open the same on or before the 25th of September, 1876. We will retain the St. Louis Hotel, using the same for lodgings only, while the tables will be spread in the Cosmopolitan. With this new mode of arrangement we can offer ample accommodation to all the traveling public.

The rooms will be kept first-class in every respect, and the tables supplied, as heretofore, with the very best the market affords. In fact, it shall be our endeavor to make the consolidated

The Best Hotel in Montana, and charges reasonable.

N. B.—Visitors desiring to stop at our hotel, will please call first at the Cosmopolitan, No. 37 and 39 Main street.

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Accommodations for transient guests. Good stabling and feed for animals. The patronage of the traveling public is respectfully solicited.

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THE undersigned will furnish the residents of Fort Shaw and vicinity with Custom Made Boots and Shoes, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Returning neatly and promptly accepted.

JOSEPH E. SMITH,
Seventh Infantry Band, Fort Shaw, M. T.

Notice. All parties knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned will shell out their greenbacks at once, or drive in a steer as soon as practicable.

SANBORN & MARTIN.
Fort Benton, M. T., August 24, 1876.

Notice. All parties knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are hereby warned to call and settle at once, and no foolishness about it. Trouble and costs will be added to every bill not paid within a reasonable time after the publication of this notice.

MOSES SOLOMON.
Fort Benton, M. T.

Townsite Notice.

I, John W. Tattan, Probate Judge in and for the County of Chouteau, Territory of Montana, do hereby give notice that I have this day, in trust for the several use and benefit of the inhabitants of the town of Fort Benton, made entry, at the U. S. Land Office, at Helena, M. T., of the site of said town, to wit: The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and lots Nos. 3 and 4, section 23, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and lot No. 2, section 26, in township 24, north of range 8 east.

And I do further notify, and do hereby require, each and every claimant of any lot or lots contained in said townsite, to file in my office at Fort Benton, County and Territory aforesaid, a written and verified statement of such claim or claims within two months after the first publication of this notice.

Given under my hand and seal [SEAL] this 25th day of July A. D. 1876.
JOHN W. TATTAN
Probate Judge.
First publication Aug. 4, 1876.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Are in Receipt of a Larger

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SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH BUYERS.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

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Consisting of

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and in fact everything in the way of general

Merchandise

Required by the community at large.

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Confident of my ability to furnish GOODS OF THE BEST QUALITY AT THE LOWEST MARKET RATES, I respectfully solicit the patronage of residents, freighters, and the traveling public, and invite their inspection of my large and constantly increasing stock.

GEORGE STEELL.

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GLASSWARE, TOYS, NOTIONS, AND FANCY

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Paints, Oils, Drugs, and Patent Medicines.

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Under the management of Messrs

ROWE BROTHERS,

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First-Class House in Montana

for comfort and convenience.

NEW HOUSE, NEW ROOMS, NEW FURNITURE.

Messrs Rowe Brothers have just completed a new addition to the OVERLAND, consisting of a large, neatly-finished building, containing eleven sleeping apartments and an elegantly furnished reception room. The liberal patronage which this old and widely celebrated Hotel has received since its establishment at Fort Benton has encouraged the proprietors to make it still more worthy of public favor. It is believed that the improvements just completed make

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Clean, neatly-kept rooms, comfortable beds, luxurious table, attentive waiters,

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Finest Brands of Wines, Liquors & Segars at the Bar.

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To the Working Class.—We can furnish you with a copy of the "Centennial Record," at your own risk. It is a valuable work, and one that every man, woman, and child should have. It contains a full and complete history of the United States, from the first settlement to the present time. It is a work of great interest and value, and one that every man, woman, and child should have. It is a work of great interest and value, and one that every man, woman, and child should have. It is a work of great interest and value, and one that every man, woman, and child should have.

Administrator's Notice. In the matter of the estate of JOHN D. GALBRAITH, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1876, by the Hon. the Probate Court of Chouteau County, Montana Territory, appointed Administrator of the estate of John D. Galbraith, late of the County of Chouteau, M. T., deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year after the date aforesaid, on which said letters were issued, or they may be barred from any further claim. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year after the date aforesaid, on which said letters were issued, or they may be barred from any further claim. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year after the date aforesaid, on which said letters were issued, or they may be barred from any further claim.

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Cigars, Tobacco, and Snuff, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, and other goods, Liquors fine, with excellent wines, With prices sure to suit the times.

All of these, and many things more, We aim to keep in our first-class store, The Bard who gave birth to this Soil lives in his earthly bliss; And by our drugs he thinks we saved him; And thus cut short his trip to heaven.

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